



# OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

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## President's Column

### Greetings BWGOK Members,

As I write this we are expecting yet another hot week. I hope you are all keeping cool and making baskets!

I reviewed the minutes from our May BWGOK meeting in preparation for writing this column. In it I found where members may request to get their BWGOK newsletter by e-mail rather than by "snail mail." By doing so we can save our Guild some money on printing and postage, and we will get the newsletter more quickly and in color. So I e-mailed Rena Vickery (Newsletter Editor) to request to have my BWGOK newsletter delivered by e-mail. It turns out I was the first to ask for this, so I guess we all need a reminder!

When I receive our newsletter by e-mail I promptly print it out to carry around and read thoroughly. We know this may not be for everyone. You may continue to receive printed/mailed newsletter copies if desired. But if you would rather receive e-mailed newsletters, then please contact Rena and request same (phone: 405-285-6643 ; e-mail: [rscmv1958@cox.net](mailto:rscmv1958@cox.net)). Make sure she has your preferred e-mail address so you will get each newsletter smoothly.

At our July meeting we will make our *Positive Tomorrows* baskets for donation in September. You can make the Positive Tomorrows Muffin Basket using Marcia's pattern that is published here in the newsletter. You may (a) bring your own materials or (b) Julie Gates will make up some kits. If you want a kit, they will cost \$7 each -- send an e-mail to Julie at [gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com](mailto:gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com) and let her know. You may also make any basket you choose -- just bring your materials and weave with us. We will fill our baskets with kitchen items and bring them to the September meeting for the donation.

Past and present BWGOK presidents are currently reviewing our By-Laws regarding membership. Specifically being considered is where the By-Laws read "Members whose dues have not been received by February 1 shall result in forfeiting membership and shall be dropped from the membership list." I think most of us are in favor of a longer grace period -- like the March or even May meeting. But if you have not paid your dues for this year, please do so right away so you will keep receiving the newsletter and be abreast of BWGOK activities. You may even pay your dues online now at <http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com>.

**Please come to the July 9 meeting -- we are looking forward to seeing you!**

**Onita**

### Schedule of Events

**July 9, 2011:** 'Positive Tomorrows' Basket.

**September 10, 2011:** Bring *Positive Tomorrows* baskets filled with kitchen items (for donation).

**November 4 - 6, 2011:** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual BWGOK Weavers Weekend.

**November 12, 2011:** Guild Elections.

We are striving to have a professional photographer at either our September or November meeting to show us how to properly photograph our baskets.

Please share your meeting program ideas with any BWGOK officer!

### BWGOK Officers

President	Onita Lynch
Vice President	Julie Gates
Co-Secretary	Jo Ann Miller & Becky Walker
Treasurer	Joan Galbraith

### Volunteer Positions

Librarian	Marcia Balleweg
Historian	Kathryn Kelly
Membership	Linda Tickle
Newsletter	Rena Vickery <a href="mailto:rscmv1958@cox.net">rscmv1958@cox.net</a>

**BWGOK meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum located near I-44 and NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. The meetings are held the second Saturday of every odd month at 10:00AM.**

**Meetings generally start with the business meeting followed by a basket raffle, then lunch. Everyone brings a covered dish. After lunch we work on the scheduled project or whatever you are weaving. We are usually done by 2:00PM. Then cleanup!**

**BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2011**

Submitted by Jo Ann Miller, Secretary

Onita Lynch called the meeting to order. The minutes from our March 12 meeting were approved as printed in the May 2011 newsletter. There were no guests in attendance.

<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	Primary Account:	\$2,671.86
	Retreat Account:	\$1,974.91
	Balance:	\$4,645.77

**Retreat Committee Report:** Was given by Pat Horsey as Marcia Balleweg was ill. Forty baskets have been chosen from 12 instructors.

**Programs & Projects:** Julie Gates - Bring your own weaving projects or participate in the guild project.

- July 9<sup>th</sup>: Project will be the *Positive Tomorrows* basket. The pattern will be printed in July newsletter.
- September or November: Program will be "How to Photograph Baskets".
- Volunteers and projects are always welcome! To volunteer contact Julie at [gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com](mailto:gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com).

**Newsletter:** Rena Vickery asked that members check the calendar for the newsletter deadlines. To receive the newsletter via the internet send request to Rena Vickery at [rscmv1958@cox.net](mailto:rscmv1958@cox.net). E-mailed newsletters save money and the newsletter will be in color!

**Nomination Committee:** Election for president and treasurer is in November. Please consider using your talents in these areas. Contact Jo Ann Miller to volunteer or for additional information.

**Membership Committee:** The 2009 BWGOK membership roster will be updated. Members with delinquent dues will be removed from the roster.

**Pattern Library:** Contact Marcia Balleweg at the *Oklahoma Basket Supply* for the patterns.

**Old Business:** • State Fair rules and registration information is online.

- Merchandise Mart/Class information is being updated. Send information to Jo Ann Miller ([jam19482@aol.com](mailto:jam19482@aol.com)).

**Announcements:**

- **Next Meeting:** will be held Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum at 10:00AM.
- **September Fest:** will be held September 9-10, 2011 (same day as guild meeting) at the Oklahoma History Center & Governor's Mansion from 9:00AM - 4:00PM. Volunteers are needed for weaving demonstration.
- **Guthrie Quilt Show:** to be held Sept. 30 – Oct. 1. A motion was made and approved to find out more information on this event before deciding on participation.
- Texas Basket Weavers Association is in the process of taking membership applications. Weaving conference will be held San Antonio/Austin area during January 2012. The Texas weavers have participated in the Weavers Weekends for several years.
- OOPS! Secretary was out to lunch. The mystery weaver will be revealed July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Basket Raffle was won by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Meeting was adjourned and the hanging file magazine basket was the project.

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## May Meeting Highlights – Wall Basket Weaving Photos

Below are highlight photos from our May meeting featuring a hanging wall basket. Thanks to all who helped get the materials together and teach the class! Attendees had a great time weaving!



Adds Julie Gates: “Thanks to all of you who stayed after the meeting to make wall baskets for the Guild to use at demonstrations and displays. You all did a great job! If you took your basket home to finish, don’t forget to bring it back at the July meeting. We haven’t decided who will be in charge of keeping them for the Guild to use!”

## July Meeting Project – **Positive Tomorrows** Basket Weaving

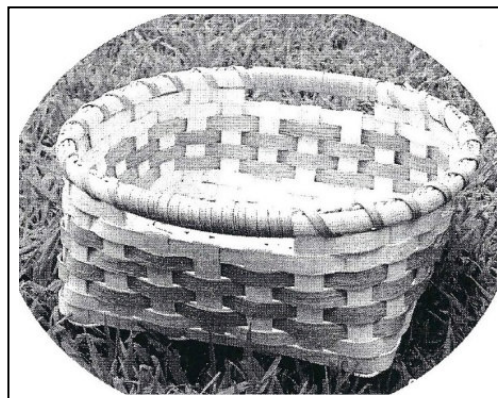
After the July meeting we will work on *Positive Tomorrows* baskets. When these are finished, please fill them with kitchen and home items and bring them to our September BWGOK meeting. These will then be donated to the *Project Tomorrow* group.

The pattern for this basket is shown on the next page. I will prepare kits for those who request them (\$7 each). If you would like a kit, please contact me at least one week before our meeting (e-mail: [gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com](mailto:gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com) ; phone: 405-305-1313).

Otherwise you may bring your own materials (or your own pattern for that matter) and make whatever basket you wish for your *Project Tomorrow* donation.

I hope to see you at this meeting to weave this basket!

Julie Gates





## Positive Tomorrows

### Muffin Basket

Finished size: Base Approx. 8 1/2 in sq.  
Rim approx. 11 in. diameter

#### Materials Needed:

5/8 flat reed (FF) for stakes - natural  
#3 round reed (RR)  
1/2 flat reed for (FF) weavers - natural & smoked  
3/8 flat reed (FF) for rim row  
1/2 flat oval (FO) forms  
1/4 flat reed (FF) - smoked for lasher  
Seagrass rim filler

**Prepare:** With 5/8 flat reed, cut 6 pieces at 15" and 14 pieces at 22"

Lay out horizontal stakes with rough side up, in this sequence: 22, 15, 22, 15, 22, 15, 22, 15, 22, 15, 22, 15, 22.

Center vertical stake goes over the 22 in. stakes and under the 15 in. filler stakes. Notch both ends of center vertical stake. These notched ends will mark your handle sides.

TIP: When weaving the stakes on each side of the center vertical stake, turn them good side up. This makes it easier for you to tuck them to the outside for the handle space. Square up base to 8 1/4" - 8 1/2". Tuck ends of filler stakes to the inside or make "chicken feet". See example.

Twine around the base with #3 RR for one row and hide ends. Upsett the stakes.

#### Weaving the sides:

Row 1: Use 1/2 FF natural reed. Make sure this weaver goes under the center, notched stakes.

Row 2: Natural 1/2 FF

Rows 3 - 6 : Smoked 1/2 FF

Row 7: Natural 1/2 FF. Pack all rows. Now, tuck the notched stakes to the inside of basket. Tuck the stakes on either side of these notched stakes to the outside.

Row 8: Using natural 1/2 FF, leave approximately 2 inches on either side of handle space and weave across to other handle space and leave 2 inches. Turn this 2 inch end to the inside and tuck behind the next stake.

Row 9: Use 3/8 FF or trim down a piece of 1/2FF to 3/8 inches for the rim row. Weave all the way around the basket being careful not to pull in over the handle spaces.

Pack rows down. Trim off stakes on the inside of basket. Tuck in stakes on the outside of basket. Measure and scarf inner and outer rims. Pin rims on to basket with clothes pins. Add seagrass rim filler. Lash with 1/4 FF smoked reed. When you get to the handle space, wrap tightly to the end of space and continue lashing around to other handle space. Wrap this handle and finish lashing. Hide ends of lasher.



Pattern compliments of Oklahoma Basket Supply. © Marcia Balleweg 2005

### ***BWGOK Weavers Weekend Update. Mark Your Calendars for November 4 - 6***

We have a winner for the logo contest for this year's catalog cover and logo wear. Shirley Hill submitted the winning artwork as shown at right. She will have her tuition paid by the guild for this year's Weavers Weekend. Congratulations, Shirley!

Our Class Selection Committee has done a wonderful job this year. Selected were a total of 40 classes with 12 instructors coming from all over the U.S. Classes will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and end at noon on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The catalog will be coming out soon. We will again have it online so you may register online or download, print and mail in your registration form. If you did not receive an email last year notifying you of catalog availability, or if your email address has changed, then please send your current e-mail address to me at [info@okbasketweaversguild.com](mailto:info@okbasketweaversguild.com).

Marcia Balleweg



### **Available Basket Weaving Classes Around the State**

**Bethany:** Janet Newman (e-mail: [dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net) ; phone: 405-789-4540)

Janet teaches at *Uniquely Yours Arts and Crafts* in Bethany and at *Francis-Tuttle Career Tech*. Janet's upcoming classes are listed below. Please phone or e-mail for more information.

July 7 and 16: '*Berry Pickin Basket*', \$18., 4-hour class, @ Uniquely Yours Arts and Crafts.

Aug. 3 and 20: '*Shades of Color Basket*', \$22., 4-hour class, @ Uniquely Yours Arts and Crafts.

Aug. 8 and 15: '*Narrow Vanity Basket*', @ Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

Oct. 3 and 10: '*Narrow Magazine Basket*', @ Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

Oct. 20 and 27: '*Napkin Basket*', @ Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

**Choctaw:** Julie Gates (e-mail: [gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com](mailto:gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com) ; phone: 405-305-1313 or 405-391-5498)

Julie offers a basket class each week on Tuesday mornings at her home in Choctaw. Also, this fall she will teach at *Eastern Oklahoma County Tech* on Monday evenings from 6 pm to 9pm. Her classes run for 8 weeks and are \$20 per class. Julie also teaches card making and paper crafting at the *Career Tech*. Please phone or e-mail for more information.

**Duncan:** Karen Scott (e-mail: [klsweave@cableone.net](mailto:klsweave@cableone.net) ; phone: 580-252-4711)

Karen's classes focus on a particular skill and are geared toward beginners but can be upped to higher skill levels.

Karen has been weaving for 20 years, teaching for 19 years, and caning and repairing wicker for 18 years. Her classes are often held at the *First United Methodist Church* in Duncan.

**Edmond:** Rena Vickery (e-mail: [rscmv1958@cox.net](mailto:rscmv1958@cox.net) ; phone: 405-285-6643)

Rena teaches classes covering a variety of basket types. One upcoming class is listed below. In addition, Rena will be teaching this fall at the Edmond MAC center at Mitch Park. Their new fall schedule will be out on August 13 listing hers and other MAC activities. For information call 405-216-7643 (Edmond Parks & Rec).

July 13: '*Coiled Gourd-Antler Basket*' class at Rena Vickery residence, 1700 Remington Road, Edmond OK. Please phone or e-mail for more information.

**Hinton:** Paulene Asbury (e-mail: [habasketry@cox.net](mailto:habasketry@cox.net) ; phone: 405-722-1186)

Pauline teaches at the Buffalo Ranch in Hinton the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Some upcoming classes are listed below. Saturday afternoon classes are also available where participants may choose which basket they would like to make. Check out the *Sandy Springs Farms LLC* web-site for news and current info. All tools, materials, coffee, tea, lemonade and a buffalo lunch are included in each class. Students will leave with a completed basket!

July 12: '*Cherokee Double Wall Basket*', \$35.

Aug. 9: '*Anchors Away Basket*', \$40.

Sept. 13: '*Jack-O-Lantern Basket*', \$50. (lidded) or \$40. (handled).

**Wellston:** Marcia Balleweg (e-mail: [marcia@oklahomabasketsupply.com](mailto:marcia@oklahomabasketsupply.com))

Marcia primarily teaches at *Oklahoma Basket Supply* in Wellston. Her website, [www.oklahomabasketsupply.com](http://www.oklahomabasketsupply.com), lists all her class offerings. When guest instructors are not at the shop, Marcia allows you to design your own Friday or Saturday class with several choices to choose from. Three upcoming classes are listed below. Check Marcia's web-site above or contact her for additional information or to order basket supplies.

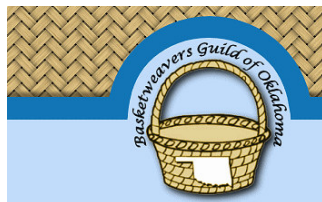
July 12 and 14: '*Melon Basket*', a 3-hour class @ Gordon Cooper Tech Center, Shawnee.

Oct. 3 and 5: '*Gathering Basket*', a 3-hour class @ Gordon Cooper Tech Center, Shawnee.

Nov. 7 and 9: '*Cathead Basket*', a 3-hour class @ Gordon Cooper Tech Center, Shawnee.

### **Over and Under Across Oklahoma**

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**Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma is on the web at [www.okbasketweaversguild.com](http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com)!**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **August 4 – 7, 2011**

MBG's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO. See [convention@mpg.unionpoint.net](mailto:convention@mpg.unionpoint.net) for information.

#### **November 4 – 6, 2011**

BWGOK 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma Weaver's Weekend. Canyon Camp and Conference Center near Hinton, OK. See [www.okbasketweaversguild.com](http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com) for information and updates.

#### **January 12 -14, 2012**

Winter Quilt Show, Oklahoma City, OK. [info@qscexpos.com](mailto:info@qscexpos.com) or [www.qscexpos.com](http://www.qscexpos.com)

#### **February 11 – 19, 2012**

Carnival Freedom Cruise. See [www.basketweavingcruise.com](http://www.basketweavingcruise.com) or [basketcruiseinfo@me.com](mailto:basketcruiseinfo@me.com) & [travelers55g@aol.com](mailto:travelers55g@aol.com) for information.